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Classified By: NEA - Jeffrey Feltman, for reasons 1.4 (b,d)

11. (U) This is an action request. See paragraph 2.

12. (C) In response to Vice Foreign Minister Miqdad's November 5 invitation to Under Secretary for Political Affairs (P) William J. Burns, Post is requested to deliver the following oral demarche to appropriate MFA officials:

-- We appreciate the invitation for Under Secretary Burns to visit Damascus.

-- We are looking favorably at the prospect of his visit early next year.

-- We will be in contact to determine in advance the meetings and the agenda.

13. (U) Please report Syrian responses to NEA/ELA Desk Officer Andy Abell.
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